

The Soviet 11th Independent Army, which includes cavalry units, arrived in early January 1949 on the Mugan Steppes,  $A_{\rm Z}$  or baidzhan SSR. The unit came from the North Caucasus region. Villagers on the Iranian side of the Arakes (Araxes) River can see cavalry horses come down to the river to water and can talk to soldiers across the river.

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